

## **SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS:**

Amend the title of the application to read as follows:

--CONNECTOR WITH RESILIENT COUPLING PIECES COUPLING  
LOCKS IN ADJACENT CAVITIES--

Amend paragraph 0045 to read as follows:

**[0045]** Side surfaces of the adjacent locks 40 in each of the upper and lower stages are coupled unitarily by thin coupling pieces 51, as shown in FIGS. 4 to 6. Each coupling piece 51 is formed at the leading end where the bottom of the insertion groove 49 is substantially horizontal and extends over substantially the entire length of the lock 40. Thus, each coupling piece 51 is in a position on the side surface of the lock 40 substantially corresponding to the bottom end of the lower contact surface 45A. Each coupling piece 51 has an upper surface that is substantially horizontal and parallel to the inserting direction ID and a lower surface that slopes down toward the back to facilitate mold removal. Thus, each coupling piece 51 becomes gradually thicker toward the back. The left and right side walls of the cavities 31 have cut-away portions 31L, 31R along a longitudinal length corresponding to the coupling pieces 51 and laterally adjacent locks 40 of adjacent cavities 31 to be coupled by the coupling pieces 51 through the cut-away portions 31L, 31R. The coupling pieces 51 are provided between adjacent locks 40 or may be provided with a portion of the lateral sidewall of the cavity 31 arranged therebetween. In other words, the coupling pieces 51 may directly couple adjacent locks 40 or may be coupled indirectly to adjacent locks 40 by partly arranging a portion of the lateral sidewall between two locks 40. Moreover, the coupling pieces 51

may be provided between part of the adjacent locks 40 and preferably between all pairs of adjacent locks 40.